

A map of the Middle East with Iraq highlighted in yellow. The surrounding regions are in a light tan color, and the Persian Gulf is shown in light blue.

Iraq Weekly Status Report

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US Department of State**



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Highlights

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1. Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgents

- Approximately 1,000 Iraqi Army soldiers and 2,500 Coalition Forces continued Operation Steel Curtain in Husaybah, near the Iraq-Syria border. The offensive is part of Operation Hunter, designed to deny al Qaeda in Iraq the ability to operate in the Euphrates River Valley and to establish a permanent Iraqi and Coalition security presence along the Syrian border.

2. Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance

- Recently, six battalions of the 8th Iraqi Army Division completed certification towards the goal of full-independent combat readiness. The main element of the training process included counter-insurgency operations, which encompassed cordon and search techniques, checkpoints, patrolling and convoy protection.

3. Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government

- The Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq (IECI) released its final report on the IECI Initiated Referendum Field Audit Exercise, which was conducted following the October 15 Constitutional Referendum.

4. Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services

- Dozens of Iraqi procurement specialists from the Ministries of Defense and Interior took part in a three-day training workshop featuring a nationally known Iraqi procurement expert.



Highlights

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5. Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy

- Iraq has obtained membership of the Asian-European Stock Exchange Association. This membership will qualify the Iraqi Market to register agreements with companies of other member countries and extend investment opportunities.

6. Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law

- Iraq's Interior Minister Bayan Jabr hosted a conference for senior Ministry of Interior leadership October 24. The event was held in cooperation with the Ministries of Human Rights and Justice.

7. Increase International Support for Iraq

- On November 8, the UN Security Council held a formal meeting in which it voted unanimously to approve a resolution to extend the mandate of the multinational force in Iraq by one year, until the end of 2006.

8. Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents

- Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs Karen Hughes expressed confidence November 4 that the ideals of freedom would prevail over extremists bent on cloaking the murder of innocents with the mantle of religion. The Under Secretary described a three-point strategic vision for prevailing in the conflict.



[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

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Operation Steel Curtain:

- Approximately 1,000 Iraqi Army soldiers and 2,500 Coalition Forces continued Operation Steel Curtain in Husaybah, near the Iraq-Syria border. The offensive is part of Operation Hunter, designed to deny al Qaeda in Iraq the ability to operate in the Euphrates River Valley and to establish a permanent Iraqi and Coalition security presence along the Syrian border. By eliminating terrorist influence in and around Husaybah, Coalition and Iraqi security forces are providing a safe and secure environment for the Iraqi people to vote in the December 15 national elections.

Iraqi Army Soldiers Raid Bomb-Making Factory in Baghdad:

- Iraqi soldiers captured 10 suspected terrorists during a raid on a suspected bomb-making factory in Baghdad on October 20. The suspects were working in the facility when they were detained and are now being processed in the Iraqi judicial system.



[2.] Transition to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

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Iraqi Security Forces Update:

- Recently, six battalions of the 8th Iraqi Army Division completed certification towards the goal of full-independent combat readiness. The main elements of the training process included counter insurgency operations, which encompassed cordon and search techniques, checkpoints, patrolling, and convoy protection. The units of the 8th Division will continue to move forward to certification at the brigade and divisional level.

Pilot Course for Iraqi Warrant Officers and Sergeant Majors Wraps Up:

- Sixteen students completed the pilot training course for Iraqi Army Chief Warrant Officers and Sergeants Major on November 3 at Kirkush Military Training Base. The four-week course focused on individual training in barracks administration, range planning and conduct, drill and ceremony instruction, planning operations and professional development.



[2.] Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

Data as of October 31, 2005

Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~74,800
HIGHWAY PATROL	
OTHER MOI FORCES	~36,000
TOTAL	~110,800*

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~98,700
AIR FORCE	~200
NAVY	~700
TOTAL	~99,600**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:
~210,400

* Ministry of Interior Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are included in these numbers

** Ministry of Defense Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are not included in these numbers



[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government– **Developments**

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IECI Releases Report:

- The Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq (IECI) released its final report on the IECI Initiated Referendum Field Audit Exercise, which was conducted following the October 15 Constitutional Referendum. The report makes a number of key conclusions and recommendations, relating to the high level of voter turnout (63 percent), the active participation by all of Iraq's major communities, the more efficient operation of the complaints mechanism, a more effective role by national observer groups and the effectiveness of special electoral categories for detainees and hospital patients.

Election Training Continues:

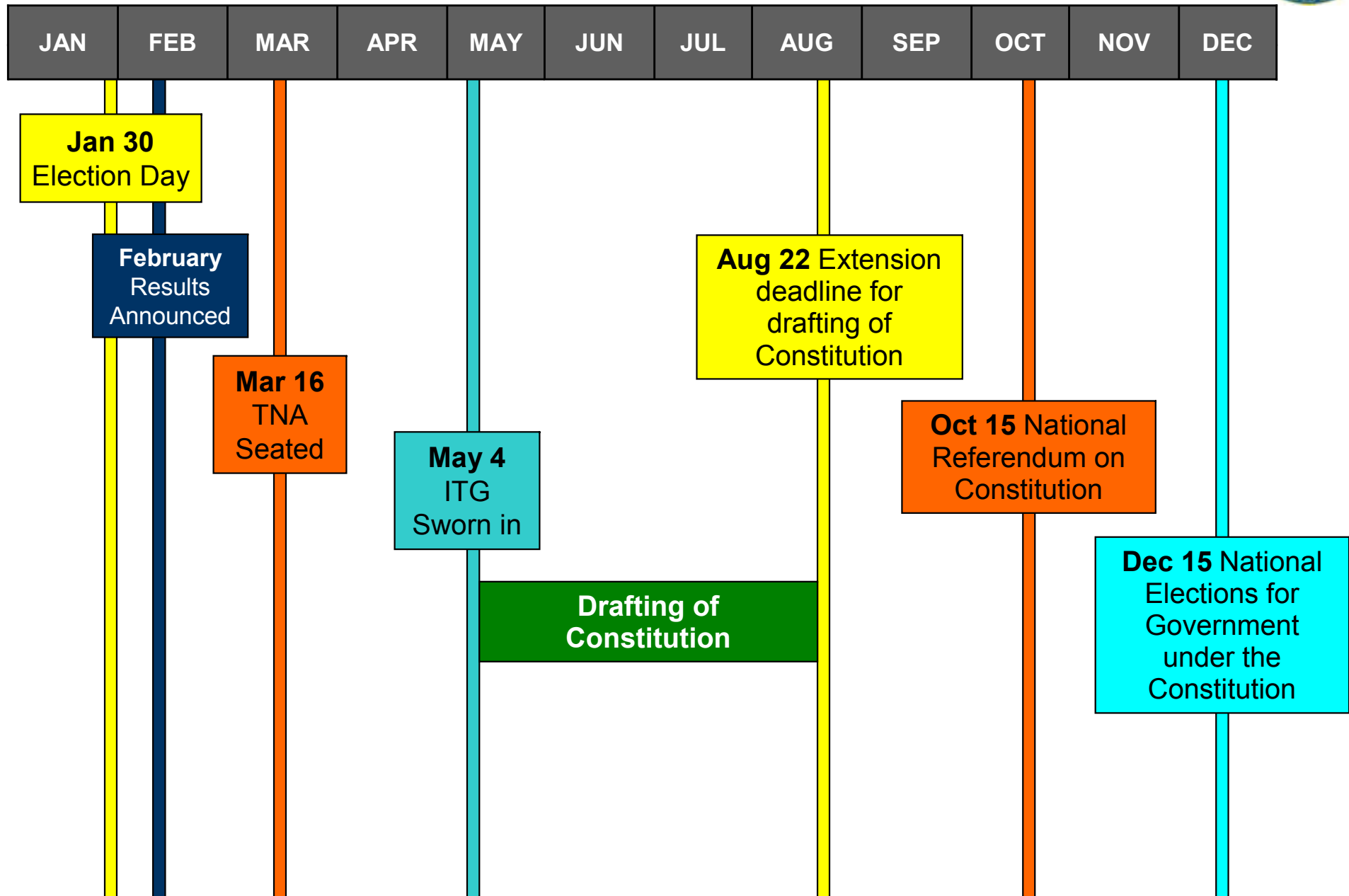
- The National Democratic Institute (NDI) continued to conduct regular consultation and training activities in preparation for the December 15 elections. NDI also refocused its attention on media monitoring activities ahead of the December elections and pursued its program of assistance to the Iraqi National Assembly.

Iraqi National Reconciliation Conference:

- An Iraqi national reconciliation conference sponsored by the Arab League will be delayed by at least a few days as officials try to lure more participants to boost the chances of success. The Cairo conference has been promoted as a way to ease sectarian tensions between the Shia, Kurdish and Sunni communities.



[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government— **Electoral Process Timeline**

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[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government - **Iraqi Transitional Government**

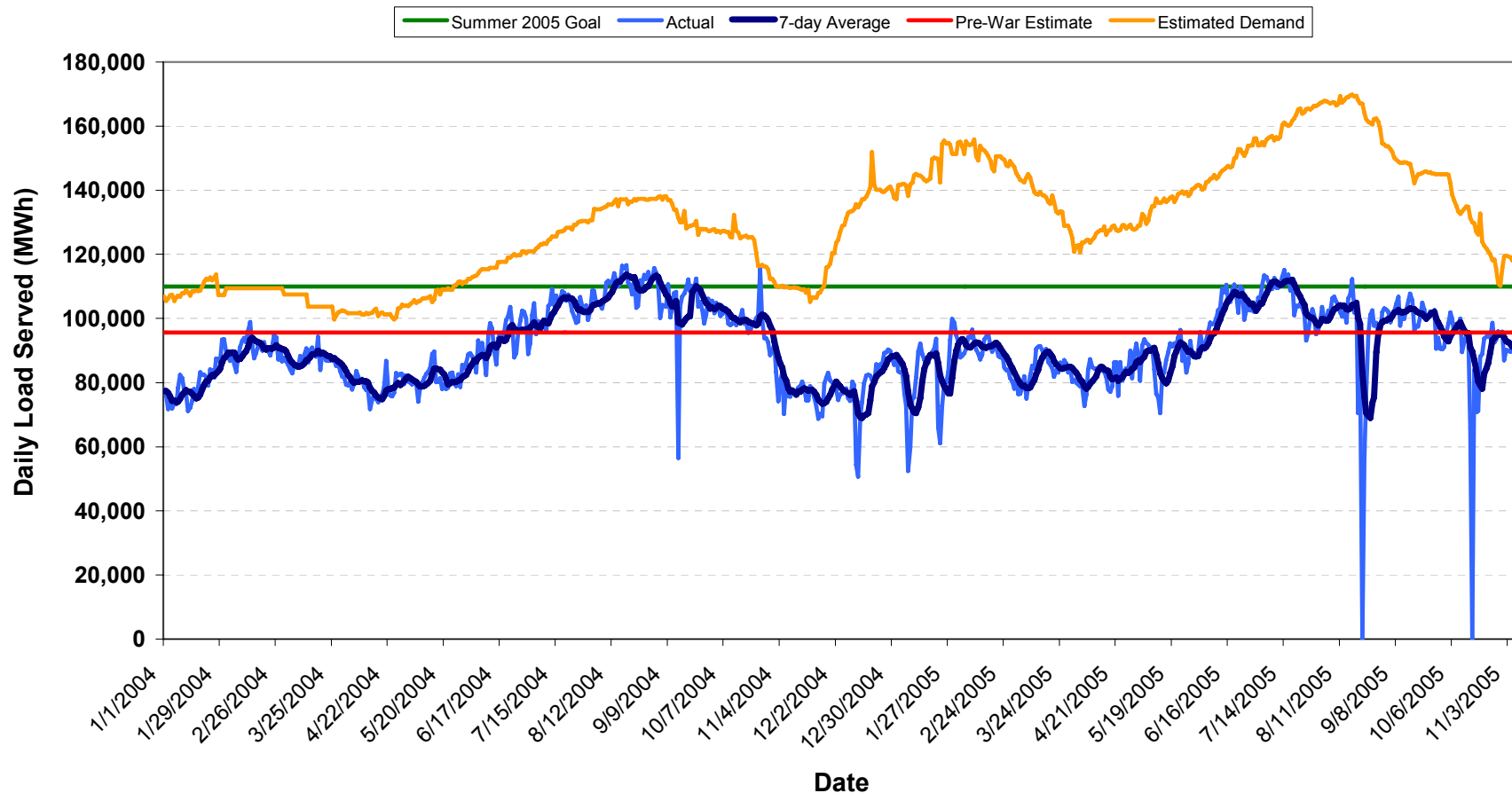
		Deputy President Sheikh Ghazi al-Yawr	President Jalal Talabani	Deputy President 'Adil 'Abd al-Mahdi	
			Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Ja'fari		
Deputy Prime Minister Rawsh Shaways	Deputy Prime Minister 'Abd Mutlak al-Juburi			Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad al-Chalabi	Deputy Prime Minister Vacant
Minister of Agriculture Ali al-Bahadili	Minister of Communications Juwan Fu'ad Ma'sum (F)	Minister of Culture Nuri al-Rawi	Minister of Defense Sa'dun al-Dulaymi	Minister of Displacement & Migration Suhayla al-Kinani (F)	Minister of Electricity Muhsin Shallash
Minister of Education Abdul Mun'im al-Falah Hasan	Minister of Environment Narmin 'Uthman (F)	Minister of Finance 'Ali 'Allawi	Minister of Foreign Affairs Hoshiyar Zebari	Minister of Health Abd al-Muttalib al-Rubay'i	Minister of Higher Education Sami al-Muzaffar
Minister of Human Rights Vacant	Minister of Industry & Minerals Usama al-Najafi	Minister of Interior Bayan Jabr	Minister of Justice 'Abd al-Husayn Shandal	Minister of Housing & Construction Jasim Ja'far	Minister of Labor & Social Affairs Idris Hadi
Minister of Oil Ibrahim Bahr al-'Ulum	Minister of Planning Barham Salih	Minister of Trade 'Abd al-Basit Mawlud	Minister of Science & Technology Basima Butrus (F)	Minister of Municipalities & Public Works Nasreen Berwari (F)	Minister of Transportation Salam al-Maliki
Minister of Water Resources 'Abd al-Latif Rashid	Minister of Youth & Sports Talib Aziz al-Zaini	Minister of State for Civil Society 'Ala' abib Kazim	Minister of State for National Assembly Affairs Safa' al-Din al-Safi	Minister of State for National Security Affairs 'Abd al-Karim al-'Anzi	
		Minister of State for Provinces Sa'd al-Hardan	Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities Hashim al-Hashimi	Minister of State for Women's Affairs Azhar al-Shaykhli (F)	

(F) = Female



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Electricity Overview

Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004



- With average temperature dropping into the 60s°F, electricity demand has started to increase again in the last week (November 1-7).
- Scheduled seasonal maintenance is ongoing at power plants, resulting in less decreased generation. The average daily electricity service for the week was 91,000 MegaWatt hours.
- Baghdad average available electricity increased to 10.6 hours per day. The national average was 14.6 hours per day.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Electricity, Water and Sanitation**

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Electricity:

- Soldiers of Task Force Baghdad, working with the Iraqi Ministry of Electricity, rehabilitated the electrical network in the Baghdad district of Betoul. Betoul is an example of a municipality planning for and establishing essential services before a neighborhood is built; allowing the neighborhood to grow into the service area, rather than having to expand services to meet the growing neighborhood demand. The Ministry of Electricity installed a feeder line from the Segeyer substation four kilometers away for 715 residential networks in Betoul.

Water and Sanitation:

- The Baqubah Director General of Water and the US Army Corps of Engineers worked diligently to complete a water and sewer system that will benefit 4,280 Iraqi homes. The project included designing and building a water supply and sewer distribution system in Baqubah, the capital of Diyala Province.
- Construction on the Oubaidi water and sewer project is at 61 percent (well ahead of schedule). The \$15 million Sanitary Sewer System Project is in Nisan, Baghdad Province. Construction started in January and will be completed in January 2006. The new system replaces open slit trenches and standing raw sewage in the neighborhoods. This project will benefit 47,000 residents.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Health Care, Telecommunication and Education

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Health Care:

- Construction on the \$643,000 Al Sadis Primary Healthcare Center (PHC) in Sadr City, Baghdad Province is 72 percent complete. Construction started November 23, 2004 and will be complete December 12. This two story, Type-A, 1,155 square meter facility will see an average of 150 patients daily and will have the capability to provide for medical and dental x-rays, vaccinations, laboratory tests, a pharmacy and public health education. When complete, this PHC will help relieve existing hospitals overburdened with outpatient care. At present, all 30 PHC projects programmed in Baghdad Province are ongoing, with the first PHC currently 99 percent complete and scheduled to be finished on November 18.

Telecommunications:

- Construction has started on the \$5 million Regional Wireless Communications Network. This project will design and install a microwave system to provide voice and data control communications for the national electrical system.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services –**Education**

Education:

- The Model Schools training program shows continued success in preparing secondary school teachers. The Iraqi Ministry of Education (MOE) and USAID are working together to establish a series of model schools under the basic education program that will help Iraqi educators implement new and innovative teaching methods while giving students access to improved equipment. The program seeks to establish four model schools in each MOE directorate to demonstrate improved systems and teaching methods. Each MOE directorate will have two primary model schools and two secondary model schools. Ultimately, this will include 84 schools. In addition to cooperative teaching methodology, Iraqi teachers are also receiving training in teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) and Information and Communication Technology (ICT), which will prepare teachers to use computers effectively in the classroom.
- Construction continues on the library and student center for a university in Wasit Province. The new two-story building will include a computer center, exhibition hall, newsletter office, and Student Body Association office. The Community Development Group assisted in obtaining approvals from the authorities and will furnish and carpet the building. The project will benefit over 8,500 students.



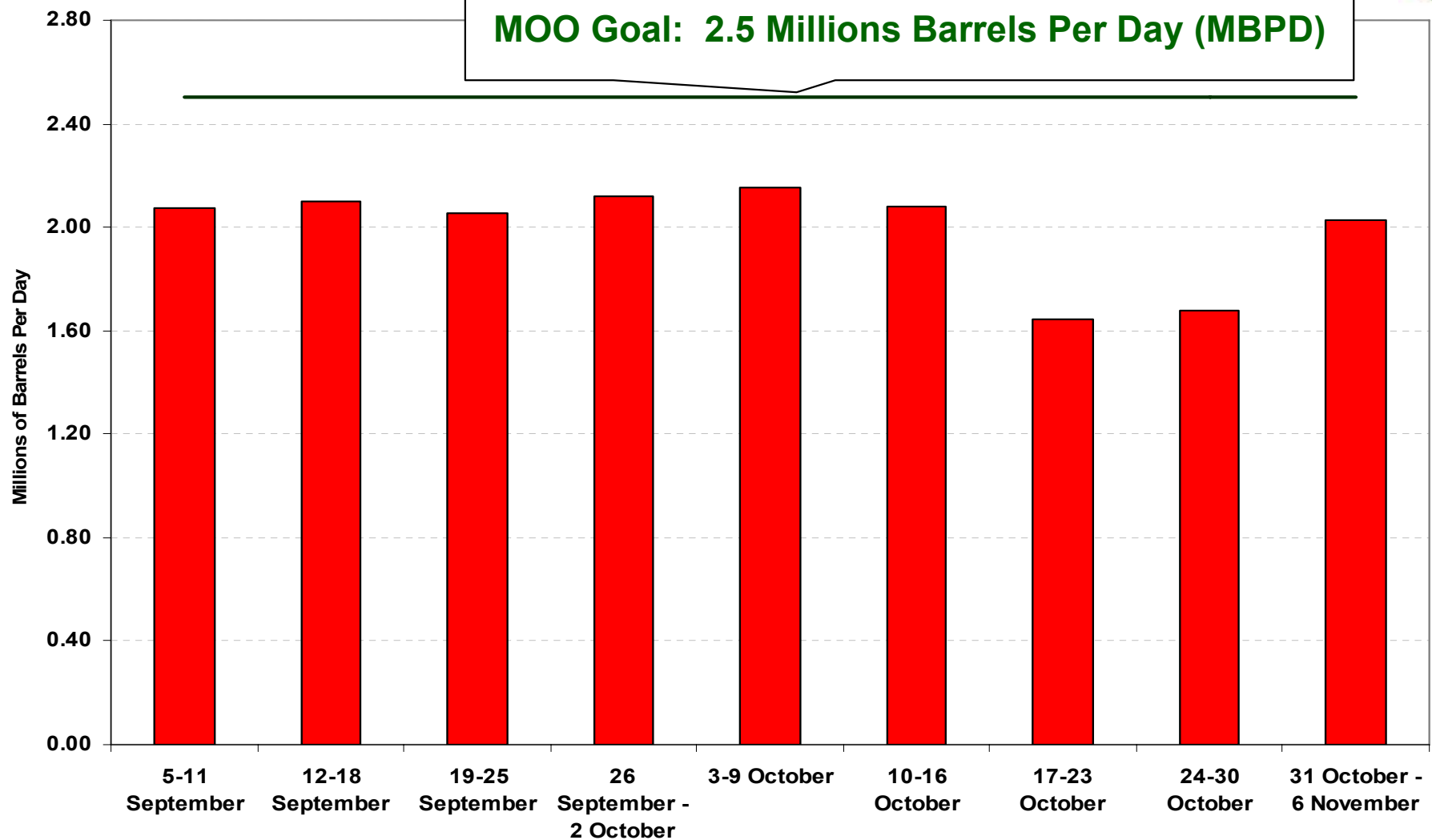
[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Financials from Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and IRRF 2

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\$Millions	Apportioned		Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
Sector	2207 Report	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	5017.6000	5017.6	4,962.3	4,962.9	0.59	4,692.8	4,703.3	10.46	3,853.7	3,896.7	43.0
Electricity Sector	4314.8168	4067.2	3,782.1	3,807.1	25.03	2,814.3	2,918.4	104.08	1,616.5	1,657.4	40.9
Oil Infrastructure	1723.0000	1723.0	1,674.3	1,674.3	(0.00)	1,280.3	1,336.1	55.79	572.9	573.7	0.8
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	1247.1840	1247.2	1,177.9	1,178.5	0.67	1,070.8	1,070.9	0.08	596.6	610.7	14.1
Democracy	945.3160	945.3	931.8	931.9	0.07	931.5	931.6	0.07	578.1	594.4	16.3
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	363.0000	363.0	339.6	339.6	(0.00)	332.5	332.5	(0.00)	163.7	167.4	3.7
Roads, Bridges and Construction	333.7143	333.7	276.6	276.9	0.24	245.4	245.7	0.24	147.1	148.4	1.2
Health Care	786.0000	786.0	744.3	744.7	0.43	619.1	617.1	(2.03)	280.7	290.0	9.3
Transportation and Communications	508.5081	508.5	490.6	490.6	0.00	420.0	420.1	0.02	186.1	196.0	9.9
Water Resources and Sanitation	2146.5832	1819.1	1,811.5	1,811.5	0.03	1,495.5	1,505.9	10.35	527.4	529.1	1.7
Private Sector Development	840.2776	840.3	793.5	793.5	0.00	782.3	782.3	0.00	525.6	529.7	4.1
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	213.0000	213.0	144.4	144.4	0.00	144.4	144.4	0.00	53.7	53.7	0.0
TOTAL	18,439.0000	17863.9	17,128.9	17,156.0	27.06	14,829.0	15,008.0	179.05	9,102.0	9,247.1	145.1
IRRF 2 Construction			9,960.2	9,985.7	25.55	8,115.3	8,283.7	168.44	4,472.1	4,561.1	89.0
IRRF 2 Non-Construction			6,236.9	6,238.3	1.43	5,782.2	5,792.8	10.55	4,051.9	4,091.6	39.7
IRRF 2 Democracy			931.8	931.9	0.07	931.5	931.6	0.07	578.1	594.4	16.3
IRRF 1 Subtotal	2,473.3000	2473.3	2,473.3	2473.30	0.00	2,473.3	2,473.3	0.00	2,406.6	2,406.6	0.0
Grand Total IRRF 1 & 2	20,912.3000	20337.2	19,602.2	19,629.3	27.06	17,302.3	17,481.3	179.05	11,508.6	11,653.7	145.1

As of November 09, 2005

[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Crude Oil Production

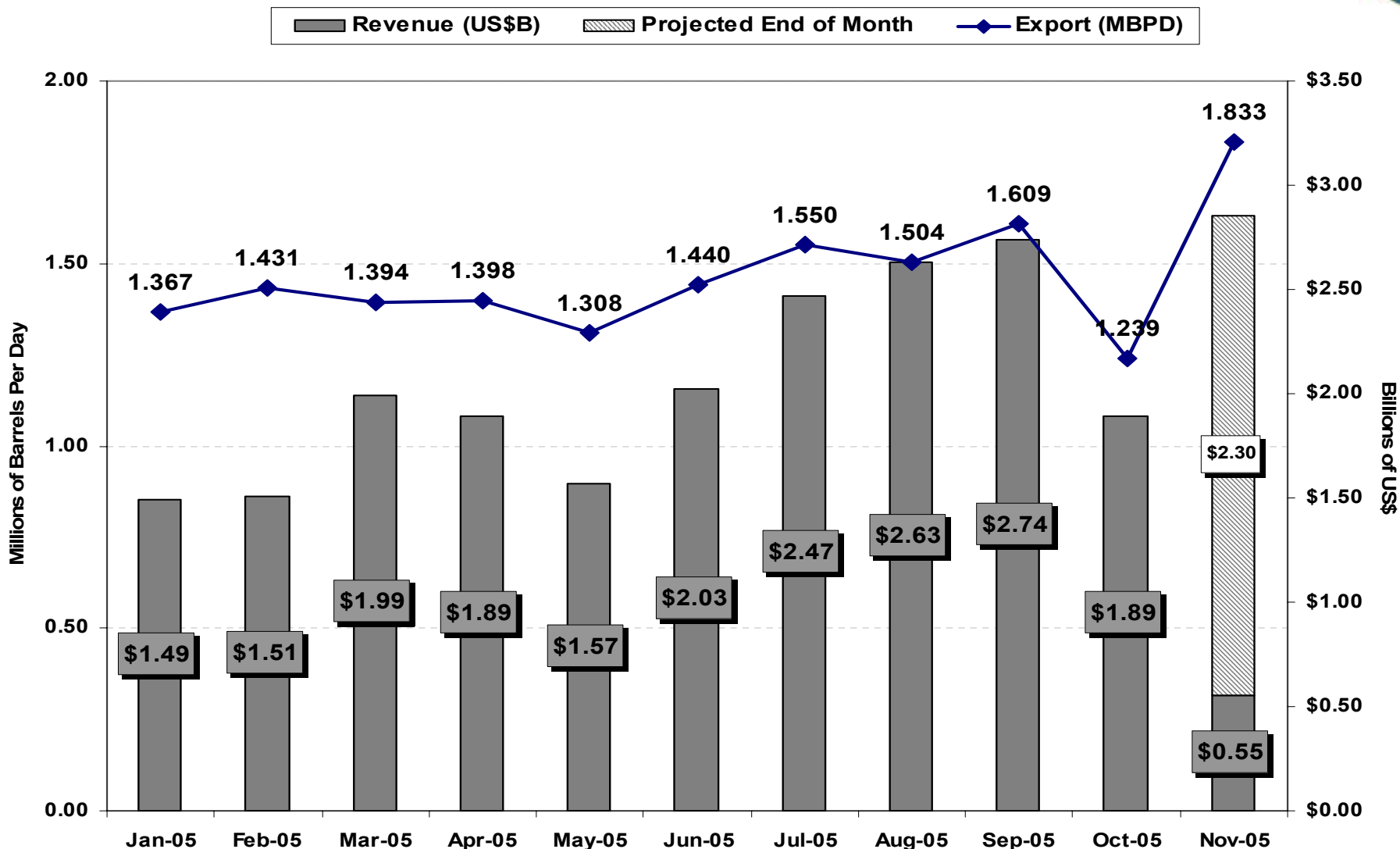


- Weekly Average (October 31 – November 6) of 2.03 MBPD
- Pre-War Peak: 2.5 MBPD in March 2003
- Post-War Peak: 2.67 MBPD

Production Target

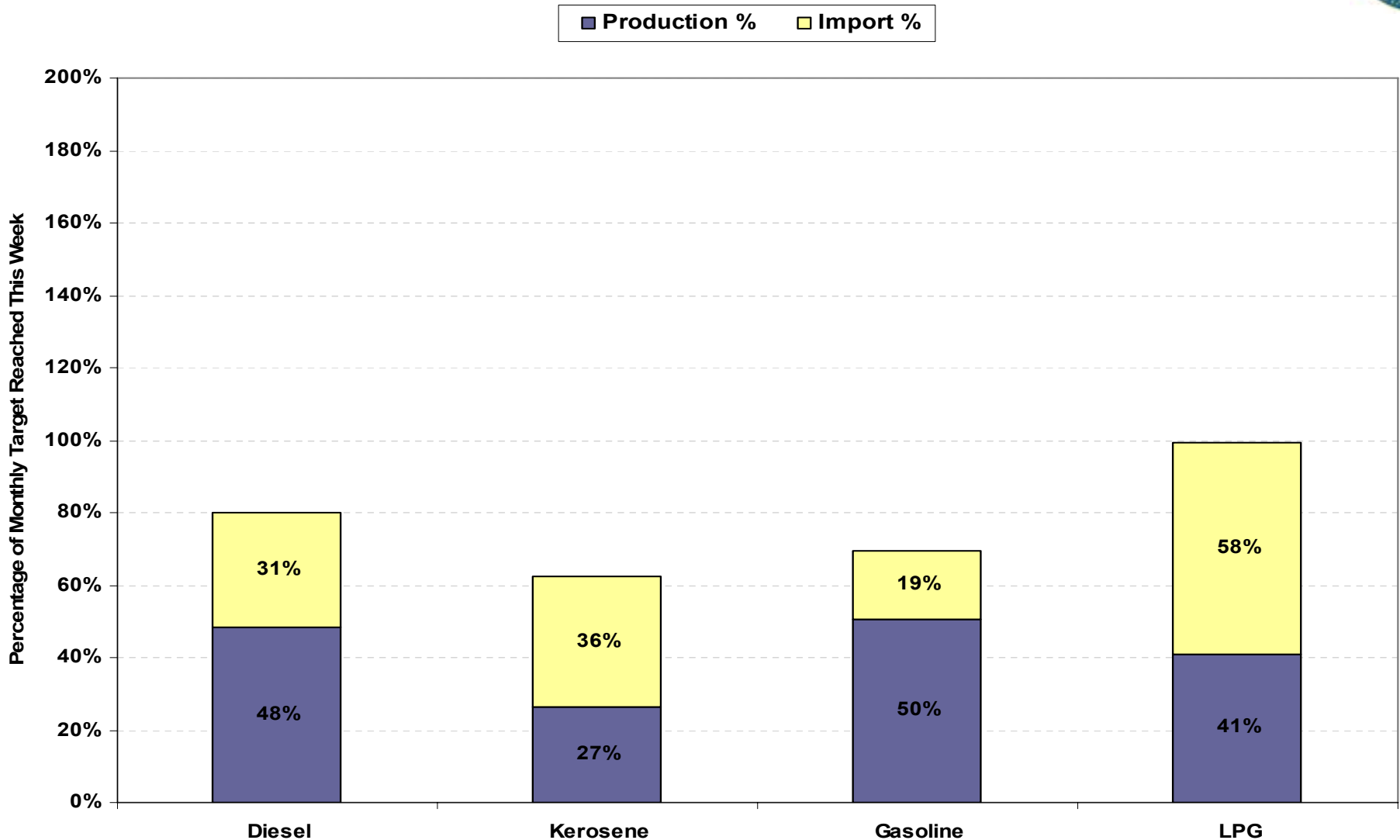


[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Crude Oil Export



- 2003 Revenue: \$5,076.6 Millions (M)
- 2004 Revenue: \$17,012.3 M
- 2005 Revenue: \$20,764.2 M (cumulative for 2005)

[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Refined Products



Note: This chart represents the average percentage of daily target reached for the week of October 31 – November 6

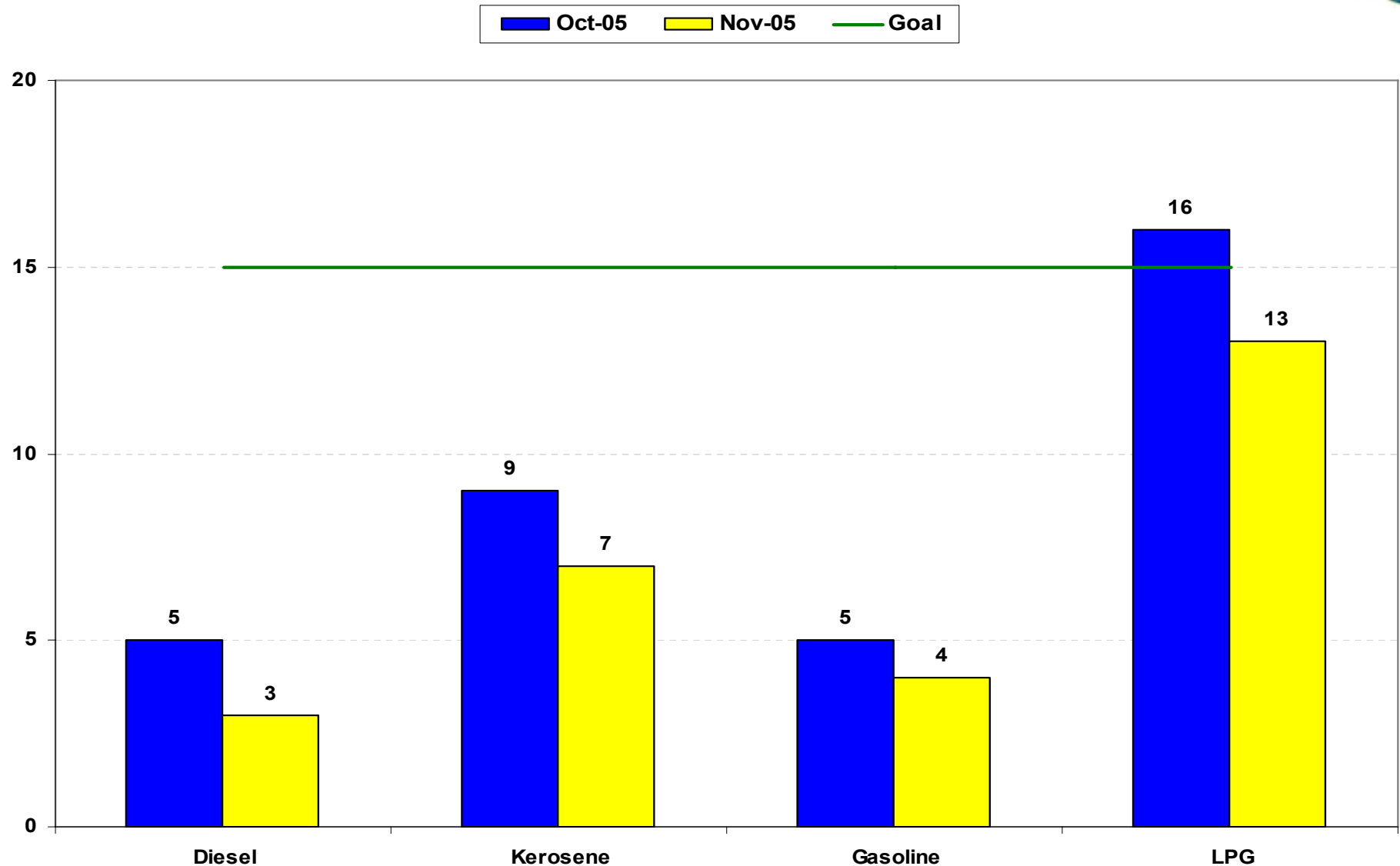
- Diesel: 14.4 ML* of 18 ML
- Kerosene: 8.0 ML of 12.8 ML
- Gasoline: 12.5 ML of 18 ML
- LPG: 4,226 tons of 4,300 tons

*ML= Millions of Liters

[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – National Stock Levels

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- The goal is to have on hand 15 days supply of all refined products, calculated on the basis of maximum consumption over the year and not adjusted for seasonal variation. The numbers given above are monthly averages.



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Oil Update and Job Creation

Oil Update:

- Crude oil prices in world markets for the week ending November 4 closed with the following prices:
 - Basra Light at \$50.28/barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$60.34/barrel
 - Dated Brent at \$59.33/barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at \$52.52/barrel

Employment Update:

- The following chart shows the number of Iraqis employed by USG-administered projects:

Employing Organization	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% Increase on Week
PCO (Project and Contracting Office)	31,092	29,454	-5.3%
USAID	55,618	55,914	0.5%
AIRP (Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program)	1,642	1,327	-19.2%
MILCON (Military Construction)	233	141	-39.5%
CERP (Commanders' Emergency Response Program)	23,706	23,706	0.0%
MNSTC-I	15,973	19,338	21.1%
IRRF NON-CONSTRUCTION	13,101	13,118	0.1%
GRAND TOTAL	141,365	142,998	1.2%



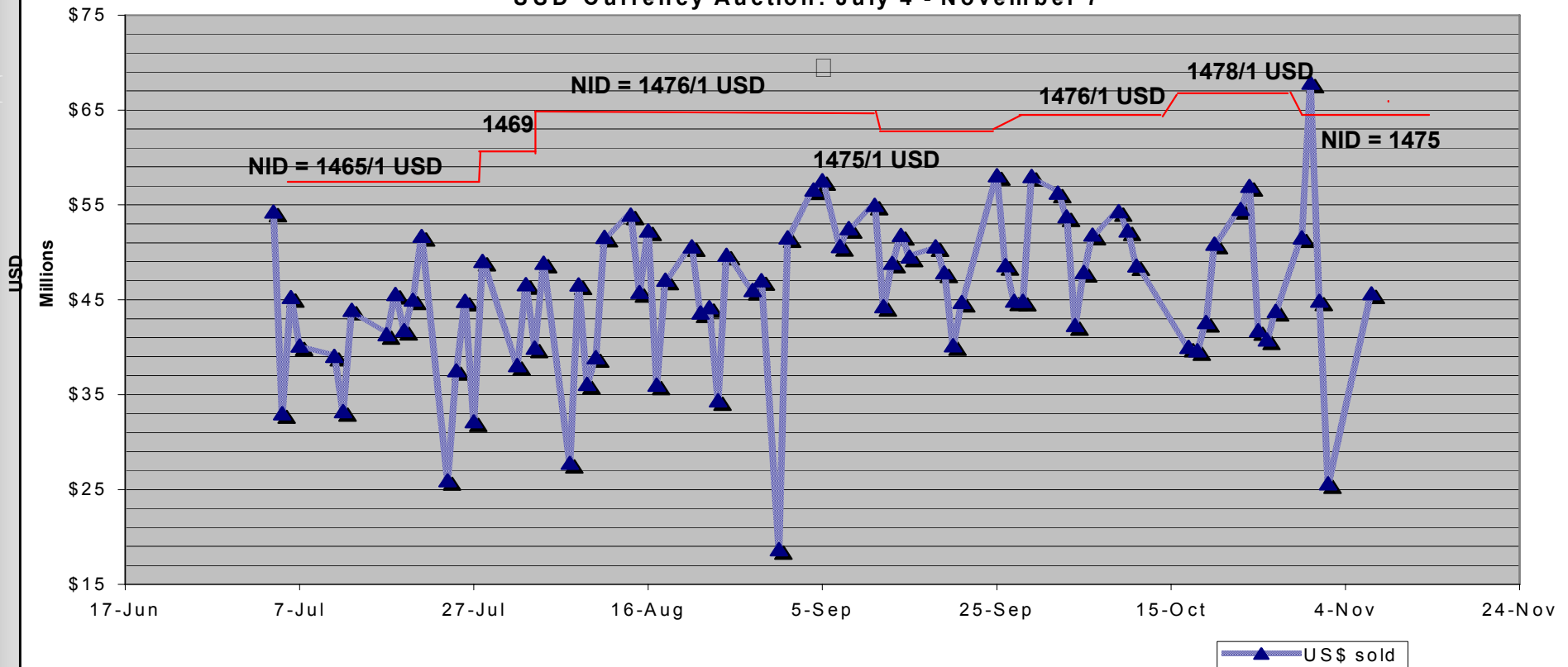
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

Central Bank's US Dollar (USD) Currency Auction:

- The following table shows volume sold and exchange rates for USD in the Iraqi currency auction from July 1 through November 7. The exchange rate remained stable this week ending at 1,472 dinars per USD on November 7.

Central Bank of Iraq

USD Currency Auction: July 4 - November 7





[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Exchanges

Modernization of the Iraqi Stock Exchange:

- The Iraqi Stock Exchange (ISX) is being automated and modernized to encourage private sector investment, both from within Iraq and internationally. Work to modernize the ISX should be completed by the end of summer 2006.

Iraqi Securities Exchange:

- The Ministry of Finance auctioned NID 200 billion (about \$136 million) in Treasury Bills (T-bills) on November 7; the settlement yield was 9.5 percent with six banks offering winning bids. The following shows the results of the last seven auctions:

No. of Auction	Date of Auction	Amount of issue	Term of Security (in days)	Maturity Date	Number Competitive Bidders	Winning Bidders	Total Valid Competitive Bids	Total Competitive Awarded	Cover Ratio %	Bid Rang Yields	Cut Off Yield
26	8/8/2005	171.000	91	11/8/2005	5	5	145.240	145.240	85.81	6.50%-10.50%	10.50%
27	8/29/2005	150.000	91	11/29/2005	4	4	158.500	148.500	100.00	7.00%-11.50%	10.50%
28	9/12/2005	200.000	91	12/13/2005	3	3	221.000	199.000	111.00	7.00%- 10.60%	9.50%
29	9/26/2005	150.000	91	12/27/2005	6	5	162.000	148.510	108.99	7.00%-10.50%	9.50%
30	10/11/2005	200.000	91	1/10/2006	5	5	220.000	199.030	110.48	7.50%- 10.50%	9.50%
31	10/24/2005	200.000	91	1/24/2006	7	7	197.000	197.000	100.00	7.00%- 10.00%	10.00%
32	11/7/2005	200.000	91	2/7/2006	6	6	209.500	197.500	106.00	8.00%- 9.60%	9.50%
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MNF-I Pays Contractors in Dinar:

- Iraqi contractors supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom are now counting dinars instead of dollars on payday, according to Multi National Force-Iraq (MNF-I). MNF-I recognized another milestone in Iraq's economic development last month when a 3rd Infantry Division finance office issued the first payment in Iraqi currency while in theater. Local vendors and contractors were previously paid in US dollars. MNF-I reported this is the first time since 2003 that a check payment in dinars has been issued to local vendors and contractors within Baghdad. Issuing check payments in dinars improves the economic and financial stability of Iraq by promoting the Iraqi banking system and using the local currency.

Private Bankers Learn Best Practices:

- The Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) sponsored 20 members of the Private Bankers of Iraq (PBI) to attend a specialized training, as well as, the annual conference of the Union of Arab Bankers in Beirut, Lebanon. The training was specifically designed for the PBI, and imparted best practices on how to modernize and develop the Iraqi banking sector.



[6.] Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law – Iraqi Judicial System

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Minister of Interior Hosts Conference on Human Rights:

- Iraq's Interior Minister Bayan Jabr hosted a conference for senior Ministry of Interior (Mol) leadership October 24. The event was held in cooperation with the Ministries of Human Rights and Justice. Conference attendees included Mol deputy ministers, commanders of police commando and public order battalions, general managers and managers of traffic and patrol police, law counselors and police chiefs from provinces throughout Iraq.
 - At the conference, Justice Minister Abdul Hussein Shandal highlighted improvements in the judicial system in Iraq through laws that are specific and detailed. "We now have a clean slate with which to operate from; one where rights are preserved," he said.
 - Conference participants studied the tenuous relationship between enforcing the law between the challenges of fighting a violent insurgency and protecting human rights. Participants concluded the conference with a statement ensuring all agencies under the Ministry of Interior will adhere to the principles of human rights as stated in the International Declaration of Human Rights.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – **Developments**

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European Commission Takes Formal Decision to Open a Delegation in Baghdad:

- On November 8, the European Commission formally decided to open a Delegation in Iraq. This formal undertaking to open a Delegation is a sign of the European Commission's commitment to the new Iraq, as Iraqis prepare for the election of their first constitutional government. It reflects the growing role the European Union is playing in Iraq's political and economic reconstruction and the need for the Commission to establish a permanent presence in the country to promote political links and support reconstruction assistance.

Iraq President Asks Italian Troops to Stay:

- In Rome on November 7, the President of Iraq, Jalal Talabani, thanked Italy for sending troops to his country and warned against a premature pullout of Italian forces. "We came here to thank the government, the people and the army of Italy for their help in freeing Iraq from a terrible dictatorship" President Talabani said.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – **Developments**

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The SRSG Commends the IECI on its Creditable Conduct:

- On November 8, the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary General (SRSG), Ashraf Qazi, expressed his appreciation for the creditable manner with which the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq (IECI) has conducted itself. The SRSG noted that despite numerous difficulties the IECI maintained the integrity of the task to which they were assigned. Mr. Qazi said, “The IECI preserved the levels of transparency and accountability that are consistent with internationally accepted standards and practices for the verification of votes.” He added, “The IECI has overseen 22 different elections in Iraq in one year, a remarkable task by any standard.” As the IECI prepares for the forthcoming December 15 elections, the SRSG reiterated the United Nations pledge for continued technical and advisory support to the IECI.



[7.] Increase Int'l Support for Iraq – Contributors to Iraqi Stability Operations

Data as of October 28, 2005

28 Multi-National Forces – Iraq (MNF-I) Contributors (in addition to US)

Albania	El Salvador	Lithuania	Portugal
Armenia	Estonia	Macedonia	Romania
Australia	Georgia	Moldova	Slovakia
Azerbaijan	Italy	Mongolia	South Korea
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Japan	Netherlands	Ukraine
Bulgaria	Kazakhstan	Norway	UK
Czech Republic	Latvia	Poland	
Denmark			

TOTAL ~ 21,500 Forces

*Note: Fiji participating as a part of the UN mission in Iraq.

29 Countries and NATO
(including US)
Support Iraqi Stability Operations



[8.] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – **Developments**

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Under Secretary of State Hughes Outlines Public Diplomacy Vision:

- Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs Karen Hughes expressed confidence November 4 that the ideals of freedom would prevail over extremists bent on cloaking the murder of innocents with the mantle of religion. The Under Secretary described a three-point strategic vision for prevailing in the conflict:
 - First, the communication of a "positive vision of hope rooted in our belief in freedom and opportunity for all." Acknowledging the pace of change differs in each nation, the Under Secretary nevertheless discerned "fresh winds of reform and change" in nations as diverse as Morocco, Kuwait, Ukraine and Georgia, as well as Iraq, where citizens defied terrorist threats to cast their ballots in free elections.
 - The second facet of U.S. public diplomacy, said Hughes, is an effort to isolate and marginalize the extremists by exposing their efforts "to appropriate religion in the name of their violent agenda." Noting that terrorists and insurgents in Iraq indiscriminately kill their fellow Muslims, Hughes declared that the murder of innocents is never justified.
 - The third strategic pillar, the Under Secretary said, is to foster "a sense of common interest and common purpose between Americans and the people of different countries, cultures and faiths throughout the world."



[8.] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – **Developments**

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John Reid on the Progress of Democracy In Iraq:

- John Reid, British Defense Secretary, told journalists at a Pentagon briefing November 7 that the global war against terrorism is "a battle of our values. It is at heart an ideological struggle between those of us who adhere to 21st century values and those who are trying to impose seventh century values in large sections of the world." Reid said he disagreed with those who say the inability of Iraqis "to achieve absolute unanimity within 18 months was indeed a failure."
 - "I think the Iraqis have done damn well to get where they have in 18 months, quite frankly," said Reid. In spite of initial differences about Iraq, the effort occurring now is "sanctioned by, inspired by, [and] protected by the United Nations," he said. The world community is now on the side of the Iraqi democrats and supports their quest for self-determination under UN Security Council Resolution 1546, Reid said. "[T]he question really is quite simple; either we will see democracy in Iraq destroyed by the terrorists or we will see it built by the Iraqis themselves," said Reid. "We will see the job through," he added.



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- There are three main refineries in Iraq: Bayji (North), Daura (Baghdad), and Basra (South).
- There are several minor refineries (known as topping plants) dotted through the country: Kisik (Mosul), Qarrayah, Haditha, Tikrit, Nassiriyah, Maysan (Amarah), and Samawah. These primarily produce asphalt and low grade kerosene and diesel.
- The majority of Iraq's oil infrastructure is antiquated and in need of modernization.
- Domestically produced refined products (gasoline/benzene, diesel, kerosene, LPG) currently do not meet domestic demand because of sabotage to the pipeline infrastructure. Iraq will be dependent upon imports until the insurgents cease operations against oil pipelines.

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- For the 2004 revenue, this already deducts the 5% war reparations to Kuwait. If included in revenue, the total would be \$17.5B.
- June 2005 increased once Northern Export data was processed into the calculation.
- Al-Faw Terminals: Al-Basra Oil Terminal (ABOT) and Khor al-Amaya Oil Terminal (KAOT)
- Production and export are at normal rates.
- The IT line works intermittently since the Iraqis sell the crude oil in lumps.
- Iraq-Syria-Lebanon Pipeline (ISLP), this line has been closed since 2003.
- Discussions were held between Iraqi and Syrian government officials, but no timetable has been set up to reopen this line.
- In the meantime, Iraq has set up a barter arrangement in which it exports 14KBPD from the Ayn Zalah field to Syria for refined products and electrical production. This ended in August 2004.
- Iraq Pipeline through Saudi Arabia (IPSA), this line has been closed since 1991. There are no plans to reopen this line.



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